



Wendy Kay Johnson Wright

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Wendy Kay Johnson Wright, 69 died peacefully at home on November 22, 2024 in Sandy, Utah. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, teacher, and “mother” to several rescued animals in her lifetime.

Wendy was born on November 14, 1955, in Oxford, New York to Sarah Mae Simson and Harold Charles Johnson. She grew up in Oxford and graduated from Oxford Academy High School. She was chosen as a Rotary Club exchange student and spent her junior year of high school in Broken Hills, New South Wales, Australia.

After graduating from college she moved to Penobscot, Maine where she built her own house and started an alternative high school known as Reach for students in the surrounding area. She also became a very active member of the New England chapter of Border Collie Rescue Program.

She took a year off from teaching and took her grandfather on a trip across America. After its completion she moved to Utah and taught High School on the Reservation near the 4 Corners area. This is where she met her husband Charlie Wright, and they were married on Nov. 21, 1992 in Maine where they settled and built their home.

Wendy and Charlie raised several animals on their homestead and fostered many rescued animals. Years later they moved to Kanab, Utah and purchased Critter Corner, a pet supply store.

Wendy loved to read, knit, and do felting and work with animals. Right up to the end of her life, she spent time working as a volunteer for the Humane Society in Murray, Utah

She was preceded in death by her mother Sarah Mae Johnson, and her brother Martin Scot Johnson, and her pets which were her “children” Sancho, George, Katie, Cassie, GiGi, Hawk, Daisy, and Blue.

She is survived by her parents Harold and Audrey Johnson, Charlie Wright (ex-husband), Joy and Anthony Huffaker (sister and brother-in-law), Gregg and Debbie



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Johnson (brother and sister-in-law), sister-in-law Carroll Johnson. Many nieces and nephews: Byron, Miriam and Ian Huffaker, Matthew Johnson and his wife Shannon, Erik Johnson and his wife Mary, great nieces and nephews Kylie Johnson, Madalynn Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, and Violet Johnson.

Wendy will be cremated, and her ashes will be returned to Maine per her wishes. If anyone wishes to make a donation in her memory, she asked you to donate to the New England Border Collie Rescue (NEBCR.org) or the Angel Memorial Fund at Kindred Spirits Vet. Clinic in Orrington, ME, or other local no kill animal rescue organizations.



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Matthew Johnson posted:

I have known Wendy my whole life. She's been a great counselor, healer, shoulder and soul. I will miss my Aunt dearly. We have had many great adventures, discussions, chess games, as well as many other times together. I cannot thank her enough for all the love and friendship over the years. You are greatly missed.

December 16 at 1:02 PM



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ER

Elisa A Rios posted:

Wendy was a dear friend. We met through the Critter Corner, but became closer when she helped with our rescue wolf dog Bruin, trimming his fur in the summer heat, and performing Reiki to relieve his aches and pains as he got older. Wendy was intelligent, generous and caring. She had many artistic talents and was an avid gardener. We will miss her spirit and our shared love of wildlife and wild places, but know she now wanders with the wolves. Elisa and Chuck

November 26 at 2:28 PM

KB

Krystyna Bujak February 25 at 5:55 AM

Wendy passed away a few months ago but she is still deep in our hearts. My dear Wendy, we missed you. We, I and my husband, met with Wendy through New England border collie rescue. We fell in love with one of the dogs (called Tyne) and she helped us with the adoption. I remember going from New York to Maine to pick up Tyne and meeting with Wendy and Charlie. And it was beginning of our friendship. We visited her and Charlie in their home in Bucksport. We came with our two dogs and it was a happy house with 6 dogs and George, the cat, altogether. We visited her in Bangor, to pick up the puppy that she was to fragile to handle. Her companion was Hawk, a beautiful dog she saved years before. The last time we saw Wendy was a year and half before she died. She came, as she said, to say good bye to her friends and to KC, the puppy we got from her. How happy she was! We love you, dear Wendy and we thank you for your trust and friendship. Krystyna and Witold with KC and Aga

RC

Richard W Crampton December 22 at 11:32 AM

It is important that everyone recognizes what an inspiration and dedicated soul we had in Wendy. She had the foresight, knowledge and ambition to found, with a few others, REACH School in Bucksport, Maine. REACH was not only the area's first alternative school, but one where children could attend without fear of judgment, ridicule or pressure to conform. That was 1987. REACH School is still successfully operating under the same principles that Wendy instituted. Almost a thousand students from rural Maine have been accepted into the school and by their own admission, will tell anyone who will listen, that it changed their lives for the better. Wendy was not one to broadcast her accomplishments; she felt that teaching by example and exhibiting a solid work ethic was more effective than lecturing and moralizing. It is important that everyone knows that the gifts she gave to rural Maine will be felt forever. I will miss Wendy, her wisdom and her respect for those people and creatures who have been forgotten by the main stream. She will always remain one of my heroes. Crampton



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Join us in honoring Wendy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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